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We ask that you please support them as they continue to support our community.

If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Tracy at the Chamber office for more details.

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Upcoming Events & Holidays

Thursday, June 29

FLEX Mini Golf Social @
The Dug Out
From 6pm to 8pm

Monday, July 3

Clarion Hospital "I Love Clarion" Celebration
@ Memorial Stadium
Gates open at 5pm
Live Entertainment @ 5pm
Fireworks @ dusk

Tuesday, July 4

St. Joseph's 4th of July
(Clarion County's Oldest Independence Celebration)
@ St. Joseph's located in
Lucinda from 11am to 4pm

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

Thursday, July 6

CoStars Supplier Training
@ 10am at the Clarion
University Small Business
Development Center
(flier enclosed)

Tuesday, July 11

CLIC Coffee Chat @
Michelle's Café from 8am to
9am

Thursday, July 13

Board of Directors Meeting
@ 8am at the Chamber
Office

Monday, July 24

Parade & Pageant Seats
Go On Sale @ 8:30am
At the Chamber Office

CLARION HOSPITAL "I LOVE CLARION CELEBRATION

The Clarion Hospital "I Love Clarion" Celebration will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017 at the Clarion University Memorial Stadium. This annual event is a great way to celebrate our nation's independence with your friends, family and community!

Gates open at 5pm. Local country singer Coston Cross will kick things off from 5pm to 7pm. Coston prides himself on paving his own path in country music and staying true to his country roots. He pulls influences from his life experiences to make his original music stand out and to give the audience the truth of country music.

Also beginning at 5pm, there will be local businesses and vendors selling food and refreshments. Some of the food items include Walking Tacos, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Kettle Korn, Frozen Custard and Pepsi Products. Be sure to get a tasty treat and support your local businesses and non-profit organizations.

Then from 7pm to dusk, live music will be provided by the Wrangler Band, performing everything from country hits to classic rock.

The evening will conclude with a fantastic fireworks display at dusk by Chamber member, Pyrotecnico of New Castle, PA.

In an effort to support our current military, a collection table/tent accepting donations will be available. We kindly ask you to support our troops by donating supplies and writing "thank you" cards to those who serve. See enclosed flyer with a complete list of items acceptable for donation.

If you are interested in volunteering at this year's event, please contact the Chamber at 814-226-9161.

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry Board of Directors and the Clarion Hospital "I Love Clarion" Celebration committee extend a very special thank you to our sponsors:

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ST. JOSEPH'S 78TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



St. Joseph's 78th Annual 4th of July Celebration will be held from 11am until 4pm on Tuesday, July 4th on the parish grounds in Lucinda. The event features their traditional all-you-can-eat chicken and ham dinners, games of skill and chance for all ages, quilt tent, called-number games, live entertainment and a grand prize drawing worth over \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

St. Joseph's Liberty 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, July 1 at 9am at the historic Lucinda Train Station as a pre-festival kick-off.

Visitors from around the region and across the state are expected to head to the parish grounds to celebrate the holiday in anticipation of the customary dinner, games, prizes and entertainment—all for the express purpose of supporting St. Joseph Catholic School.

As they have done for over seventy-five years, members of the St. Joseph Rosary Society are the

chief organizers of the Independence Day feast which includes the chicken and ham entrée, a bowl of the Parish's signature soup with homemade noodles, hand-mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, vegetable, bread, beverage, and a slice of homemade pie for dessert. The dining room will be serving from 11am until 3pm; take-outs will be available from 11am until 2pm. Dinner ticket sales will begin at 10am. Dinner prices are \$9.00 for Adults and \$4.50 for Children ages 6 to 12 and Free for children under age 6. Sheltered picnic tables will be available for those who opt to eat outdoors.

The grounds will open at 11am and feature diverse games of skill and chance for adults and children, an extensive Chinese auction, prize drawings and a concession stand. The Chinese auction will be held in the lower level of the pre-school building this year to better accommodate its size.

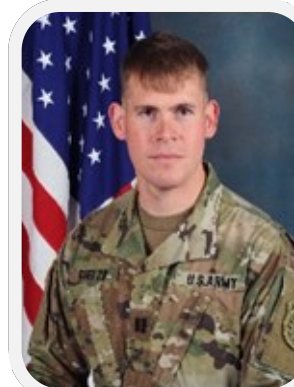
A cornerstone attraction are the handmade quilts with nearly 20 slated to be awarded throughout the day. Depending on size and design, each quilt averages 100 to 200 hours to complete and holds an estimated retail value of between \$750 and \$900, making this event one of the largest quilt giveaways in Clarion's tri-county area. A limited number will be available for purchase and three quilts will be featured in a silent auction. A preview of the quilts is available at www.st-joseph-lucinda.org.

Entertainment will begin at 11am with artists located on the main grounds and at the outdoor dining area. Among the musicians scheduled to perform during the first half of the festival are Sawyer Stepp and The Crossroads Band featuring classic country, rock and oldies; Franklin "Taste of Talent" finalist, Joni Zacherl, singing smooth pop favorites; and Bryan Phillips playing acoustic country and light rock tunes. The afternoon hours will bring "Keep Off The Grass" of West Sunbury featuring traditional bluegrass music and country music guitarist/singer Kiara Gabler of Leeper. The performances will conclude with keyboardist Dennis Geig playing smooth jazz and familiar show tune selections. In addition to the scheduled performances, Prescott

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



On Thursday, June 22, 2017, the U.S. Army Clarion Recruiting Company held a "Change of Command" Ceremony at the Memorial Park in downtown Clarion of Outgoing Commander CPT John A. Hurd and Incoming Commander CPT Jonathan Guelzo.



CPT Jonathan Guelzo grew up in Paoli, Pennsylvania. He enlisted as an infantry rifleman in 2005, and was assigned to Echo Company, 2nd BN, 3rd Marines in Kaneohe Bay, HI. LCPL Guelzo received an honorable discharge in 2009, following two deployments to the Al Anbar province, Iraq.

He enrolled in ROTC at West Chester University and upon graduation was commissioned as an Armor officer in 2012. Following the basic course, 2LT Guelzo reported to the 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss where he served as both a platoon leader and Company Executive Officer in Charlie Company, 1st BN, 6th Infantry. Following these assignments, he served as the executive officer for Delta Troop, 1st SQDN, 1st Cavalry, as well as the squadron Assistant S2.

CPT Guelzo has attended the Armor Basic Officer Leader Course, The Army Reconnaissance Course, and the Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course. His awards and decorations include the Iraq Campaign Medal with one star, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one star, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Army Commendation Medal.

CPT Guelzo has been married to the former Candace Schuler from Allentown, Pennsylvania, since 2012. Their daughter, Cora Mae, is two years old, and they are expecting another daughter at any time.



We here at the chamber wish the very best for CPT Hurd on his next assignment in Kansas. It truly has been a pleasure to work with you this past year and you will always be "Welcomed Back"!

Congratulations to CPT Guelzo and "Welcome to CLARION"! We look forward to working with you and the U.S. Army for the Autumn Leaf Festival™.



MEMBER TO MEMBER NEWS

BEST WEALTH MANAGEMENT—AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL

Jim McConnell, Financial Advisor, for Best Wealth Management-Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. will be presenting a seminar series around “Confident Retirement”. Beginning in August, the 1 hour long seminar will be held on the third Wednesday at the Chamber office starting at 6pm. The seminar is free and open to all our members and the community. The topics and dates are:

August 6th - Retiring On Your Terms

September 20th - Investing For The Life You Deserve - Today & Tomorrow

October 18th - Taking Control Of Your Workplace Retirement Benefits

November 15th - Small Business Retirement Plans, From SIMPLE to Sophisticated

December 20th - Weathering Job Transitions, Preserving Your Future

January 17th - Creating Your Retirement Paycheck: Strategies To Help You Live The Life You Deserve

A registration form is enclosed in this newsletter for this Seminar Series.

“CLIC” - CLARION LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION CONNECTION

“CLIC”, Clarion Leadership & Innovation Connection is a Young Professionals group recently formed by the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry to create and foster connections between professionals under the age of 40 in the Clarion Area.

The first meeting/social event was held on Tuesday, June 6 at the Clarion River Brewing Company with over 50 Young Professionals in attendance.

FLEX—the young professionals group from Oil City/Franklin is hosting a Mini Golf Social on Thursday, June 29 at the Dug Out located on 322 East of Clarion. This event will be held from 6pm to 8pm and local Clarion Young Professionals are encouraged to attend.

The next “CLIC” event will be a Coffee Chat to be held on Tuesday, July 11th at Michelle’s Café on Main Street in Clarion from 8am to 9am.

A “CLIC” After-Hours Social/Wine Social will be held on Friday, July 28th at the Deer Creek Winery from 5pm to 9pm.

If you are a young professional or have someone in your business under the age of 40 who is looking to connect with young professionals and get more involved with the community, contact Kaitlin today at the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry (814-226-9161) to register for one of the social events coming up.



ST. JOSEPH’S 78TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION CONT’D

(Scotty) Greene will be on hand in the afternoon cranking one of the old-time street organs from DeBence Antique Music World in Franklin.

Called-number games will begin at noon in the lower level of the social hall and will continue throughout the afternoon. Three special games will be held at 12 noon, 1:30pm and 3:30pm.

The grand prize drawing is scheduled for 4pm and features a \$5,000 cash prize, gift certificates, other major cash awards and an Amazon Echo. New this year will be a Junior Grand Prize ticket featuring prizes for children and tweens.

Altogether, more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes is to be awarded with proceeds from the day’s events benefitting St. Joseph Catholic School, one of the oldest Catholic schools in the Erie Diocese. The school was formally established in 1866 and observed its 150th anniversary during this past academic year.

The celebration will be held rain or shine on the canopy-covered parish grounds. The children’s playground is adjacent to the festivities and St. Joseph Church, erected in 1893, will be open to visitors. The parish complex is located at 112 Rectory Lane along Route 66 in Lucinda (I-80, Exit 60, Route 66 North, 10 Miles) and is a short drive from Cook Forest State Park. The grounds are handicap accessible. Parking areas surround the grounds a parking shuttle will be available. Reserved parking spaces will be available for those who cannot attend the festival but want to purchase a carry-out dinner. For more information visit www.st-joseph-lucinda.org, access Facebook or call 814-226-7288.

Registration for the Liberty 5K Run/Walk begins at 7:30am on Saturday, July 1 at the restored train station. The race will start nearby at 9am on a new course this year. The Rail 66 Country Trail is a non-motorized, 4-season trail that currently stretches 4.3 miles through the scenic countryside of northern Clarion County on the historic Knox-Kane railroad bed, which has been paved with a runner-friendly surface.

The run will be held rain or shine and entertainment will be provided by Absolute Clarion DJ Services. The Lucinda Train Station is located at 1040 Lander Drive in Lucinda and can be accessed via Maple Drive, which is to the left immediately following St. Joseph Church. Pre-registration is encouraged and forms are available at www.st-joseph-lucinda.org/fourthofjuly, Facebook @StJoesLiberty5K, www.smileymiles.com or by calling 814-226-7288. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph School.



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VENANGO COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

The Venango County Association for the Blind will be having their "Third Annual Vision Bowl" fundraiser and Awareness event on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at Seneca Lanes. Whether you are a returning bowler/team or joining them for the first time, you are sure to have a good time and a unique experience bowling one of the games wearing Vision Simulator Glasses mimicking eye diseases such as Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma/Retinitis Pigmentosa, Macular Degeneration, and Cataracts.

Last year, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Jesse Greer Post #1835 helped bring home the statewide traveling trophy for having team high series and won the bowling party for 24 at Seneca Lanes. They are looking forward to challengers to their title. It doesn't matter if you have an average of 50 or 200, it is a fun event for all.

This year's event promises to have a great assortment of baskets for the raffles, 50/50 and of course, food. The Venango County

Association for the Blind is currently seeking sponsors and bowlers/teams for the event. Reach out to your friends, family, co-workers and employees to form teams and enjoy an evening of relaxation.

Funds raised will provide services to blind and visually impaired individuals in Clarion, Forest & Venango Counties.

To register your team, be a sponsor or need more information, please call the Venango County Association for the Blind at 814-676-1876 or email them at info@venangoblind.org.

SPONSORS ARE NEEDED

There are a variety of sponsorship opportunities still available for the 64th Annual Autumn Leaf Festival™. Thank you to the businesses who are on board for 2017 (listed on the back of this newsletter).

Tracy welcomes the opportunity to meet and discuss how your business can be a part of an International Award Winning Festival. We have sponsorships starting at \$850 and higher available.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry is proud to welcome our newest member, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Craig E. Fleming Post # 66.

The American Legion Auxiliary has been a social service organization for veterans and military for the past 89 years. They will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary in August, 2017.

Their mission: To support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families. To support the initiatives and programs of the American Legion and to foster patriotism and responsible citizenship.

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